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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CIRCULAR NOTE ON HOUSING

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1. UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTION, WE PLAN TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE, SLIGHTLY MODIFIED FROM VERSION APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT IN REF A, TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: ...AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. 1263/AE.PROT OF JUNE 22, 1976 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS AT VIENTIANE. THE MINISTRY'S NOTE RAISED CERTAIN QUESTIONS ON WHICH THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE MINISTRY'S VIEWS.

3. IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOTE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE EMBASSY TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THE BOUNDARIES ARE OF THE AREAS MENTIONED: SISANGVONE, SOKPALOUANG, WAT NAK, PHONE KHENG, THAT LUANG AND WATTAY.

4. AS THE EMBASSY HAS A NUMBER OF RENTAL CONTRACTS FOR HOUSES APPARENTLY OUTSIDE THE NEW DIPLOMATIC QUARTER AND PERHAPS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE NEWLY-DESIGNATED ZONE OF MILITARY USE AS WELL, IT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE LAO GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO HONOR THESE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND PRIVATE LAO LANDLORDS OR THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY COMMISSION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF

VIENTIANE, OR WHETHER THE MINISTRY PLANS TO REQUIRE THE EMBASSY TO VACATE SUCH HOUSES BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THESE RENTAL CONTRACTS.

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE PRACTICAL EFFECTS WILL BE ON DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF THE DESIGNATION OF PART OF VIENTIANE AS A ZONE OF MILITARY USE.

6. THE EMBASSY ALSO NOTES THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO OCCUPY TWO COMPOUNDS OWNED BY THE EMBASSY IN THE VICINITY OF PHONE KHENG, AND NOW PRESUMABLY IN THE ZONE OF MILITARY USE: ONE FORMERLY USED BY THE GENERAL SERVICES OFFICE OF THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION AND THE OTHER CONTAINING EIGHTEEN HOUSES FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY'S STAFF. SINCE THE LAO GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO WISH TO RETAIN THESE COMPOUNDS, THE EMBASSY INVITES THE MINISTRY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH IT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF THESE PROPERTIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. (N

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SSRARQHCLOSE) END QUOTE.

7. FYI: REGARDING PARA 4, FEW OF LEASES ARE "LON

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SEE NO UTILITY IN :4- 5 OF SUGGESTING TO THE MINISTRY WHAT ITS ANSWER MIGHT BE. IN PARA 6, IT WOULD BE INCORRECT TO SAY THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT "WISHES" TO RETAIN THE COMPOUNDS; IT HAS NEVER OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED SUCH A WISH, BUT HAS SIMPLY SAT ON THE COMPOUNDS, AND WE ARE DRAWING THE INFERENCE FROM LPDR'S CONDUCT.

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